

We flatter ourselves, gentlemen, that you do us the justice to believe, that we will cheerfully confer with you at all times, and upon all occasions, in which the public service may be promoted by our assistance, and that our declining the proposed conference, does not proceed from the smallest disrespect, but from an impression and belief, that the mode we have suggested will bring the question of a compensation to the speediest conclusion, and consequently be the most acceptable to both houses.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1785.

THE memorial of Henry Harford, Esq; stating his losses, and soliciting compensation, being read and considered, the senate were unanimously of opinion, that the memorialist cannot of right ask, or this state consistently with justice to others grant him, any compensation or retribution for the losses he states in his memorial to have been by him sustained in consequence of the revolution and acts of our legislature: Wherefore, RESOLVED, That the memorial and application of the said Henry Harford, Esquire, be rejected.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

The house adjourns till 1 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The several orders of the day are postponed for further consideration until to-morrow morning.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 22, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. James Bond. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The report on the petition of Rachel Lee, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Bayly, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry the inhabitants of Washington county, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that the facts and allegations therein mentioned are founded in truth; that in order to relieve the petitioners from hardships and grievances they now labour under, a law ought to pass for the division of the said county at the Siding-Hill Creek, agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners, and that the place at the mouth of Will's-Creek, where Fort-Cumberland formerly stood, is the most convenient and eligible for a court-house and other public buildings, as from its local situation near the uppermost navigable water on the river Patowmack, there is the highest probability that it will become in time a very considerable commercial town, and being most central. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till 1 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The house took into consideration the order of the day, and on the second reading the bill for an emission of bills of credit, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That the said bills of credit shall be received at par with specie, in payment of one fourth of the duties imposed by the act of November session seventeen hundred and eighty-four, to impose duties on certain enumerated articles imported into and exported out of this state, and on all other goods, wares and merchandizes, imported into this state, and reserved by the supplement to the said act to be disposed of by the general assembly, and hereafter to become due before the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty seven; and also in payment of one half of the tax of fifteen shillings imposed by the act of November session seventeen hundred and eighty-four, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and in payment of all marriage, ordinary, pedlars, and retailers licences, and of all fines, forfeitures, and amerciaments, now due or to become due before the first day of January 1787; and in discharge of all county assessments hereafter to become due before the first day of January 1787; and in discharge of caution or purchase money offered in payment before the first day of January 1787, for land, in virtue of any warrant from the land office." Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And the said treasurer shall keep a list of the sum exchanged, the time when, and the name of the person, and shall lay the said list before a committee of the house of delegates." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, that the following clauses be received as amendments to the said bill? "And be it enacted, That every collector of the tax,